

JOINT TASK FORCE - FULL ACCOUNTING
BIOGRAPHIC/SITE REPORT AS OF 20 OCTOBER 1993

===== BIOGRAPHIC INFORMATION =====

REFNO: 0979-0-01 (ACCNO 0235) Status: (F) DEAD BODY NOT RECOVERED
Name: RAMOS, RAINER SILVESTER Date Status assigned: 3 Jun 1974

Nationality	AMERICAN	Race	CAUCASIAN	Blood Chit	\$
Service	ARMY	Sex	MALE	Blood type	A +
Grade	W1	Hair	BROWN	Complexion	FAIR
SSAN	DATA	Eyes	BROWN	Weapon	.38 CAL PISTOL
Serial No	3155677	Height	71 in /1.80 mtrs	Weapon No	953412
Birth date	29 May 1947	Weight	160 lb / 72.5 kg	Duty pos	PILOT
Home State	WASHINGTON	Religion	CATHOLIC	PW Camp	\$

===== SITE INFORMATION =====

INCIDENT LOCATION (0)

Site Type: CRASH SITE
UTM: 49PAT955308
Lat/Long: 153817N / 1080935E
Country: SOUTH VIETNAM
Military Region: 1
Mission Province: QUANG NAM-DA NANG
(formerly):
Mission District: QUE SON
Mission Date: 9 Jan 1968
Mission Category: 1
Local Analysis: Near populated area.

===== JTF-FA ACTIVITY SUMMARY =====

Folders Passed: Jul 93, Dec 92
Investigations: Aug 93
Surveys: Aug 93
Vessey Case: NO
Case type: CRASH SITE
Survivability: (4) Probably in the aircraft at the time of the crash

===== VEHICLE DATA =====

Vehicle Type: UH1C	Serial: 745
Crash Type: Enemy action	Engine Type: T53
Call Sign: WARRIOR 24	1 Serial: #
Year: 66	2 Serial: \$

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REFNO: 0979-0-03 (ACCNO 0200) Status: (F) DEAD BODY NOT RECOVERED
Name: NEWTON, WARREN EMERY Date Status assigned: 7 Apr 1976

Nationality	AMERICAN	Race	CAUCASIAN	Blood Chit	\$
Service	ARMY	Sex	MALE	Blood type	# #
Grade	E4	Hair	BROWN	Complexion	FAIR
SSAN	DATA	Eyes	BLUE	Weapon	#
Serial No	18958532	Height	68 in /1.73 mtrs	Weapon No	#
Birth date	26 Mar 1949	Weight	155 lb / 70.2 kg	Duty pos	GUNNER
Home State	OREGON	Religion	PROTESTANT	PW Camp	\$

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=== CIRCUMSTANCES OF LOSS ===

===== BIOGRAPHIC INFORMATION =====

10 February 1975

REFNO: Status: (F) DEAD BODY NOT RECOVERED
Name: NAME Date Status assigned: 28 Jan 1976

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Service	ARMY	Sex	MALE	Blood type	O +
Grade	W1	Hair	BROWN	Complexion	FAIR
SSAN		Eyes	GREY	Weapon	#
Serial No	DATA	Height	68 in / 1.73 mtrs	Weapon No	#
Birth date		Weight	164 lb / 74.3 kg	Duty pos	ACRFT CDR
Home State	DATA	Religion	PROTESTANT	PW Camp	\$

ON 9 JAN 68 THE CREW OF A UH1C HELICOPTER (#66-00745) CONSISTING OF
NAME, AIRCRAFT COMMANDER, WO1 RAINER S. RAMOS, PILOT, SP4
WARREN E. NEWTON, DOOR GUNNER, AND PFC FRED J. SECRIST, GUNNER, WERE ON A
GUNSHIP COVER MISSION IN THE VICINITY OF QUANG TIN PROVINCE, RVN. LT
WILLIAMSON WAS FLYING AS SCOUT IN FRONT OF NAME WHEN HE RECEIVED A
CALL FROM NAME INDICATING HE HAD BEEN HIT, WAS ON FIRE, AND WAS GOING
DOWN. LT WILLIAMSON STATED HE WOULD FOLLOW NAME DOWN. LT WILLIAMSON
SAW SMOKE TRAILING FROM NAME AIRCRAFT BUT DID NOT SIGHT FLAMES UNTIL
THE AIRCRAFT IMPACTED THE GROUND (VICINITY OF GRID COORDINATES AT 955
308).

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THE AIRCRAFT HIT AND EXPLODED. (THE ESTIMATED IMPACT SPEED WAS BETWEEN
65 AND 80 KNOTS). (REF 1, 2 & 3)

THE SENIOR OFFICER OF TROOP C, 7TH SQD, 17TH AIR CAV ARRIVED AND MADE
SEVERAL PASSES OVER THE DOWNED AIRCRAFT. HEAVY AUTOMATIC WEAPONS FIRE FROM
THE NORTH AND EAST OF THE DOWNED AIRCRAFT WAS RECEIVED ON THE THIRD PASS,
BUT IT WAS NOTED THAT THE DOWNED AIRCRAFT WAS GUTTED BY FIRE AND
EXPLOSIONS. AT NO TIME WAS ANY EVIDENCE SEEN THAT SUGGESTED THE CREW HAD
BEEN THROWN CLEAR OF THE CRASH. DURING THE FIRST 45 MINUTES OF
ON-THE-SCENE OBSERVATION, THE MUNITIONS, CONSISTING OF 2.75 ROCKETS AND
40MM GRENADES WERE EXPLODING EVERY MINUTE OR TWO. THE SENIOR OFFICER
REMAINED IN THE AREA FOR ABOUT ONE AND ONE HALF HOURS.

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ON 20 JANUARY 1968 A RECOVERY OPERATION WAS INITIATED, AND THE
REMAINDER OF THE AIRCRAFT WAS LOCATED AT THE BOTTOM OF A LARGE TRENCH.
ABOUT THREE SETS OF REMAINS WERE RECOVERED; ONLY ONE SET (PFC SECRIST) WAS
SUBSEQUENTLY IDENTIFIED. (REF 1, 2 & 3)

DURING THE EXISTENCE OF JCRC, THE HOSTILE THREAT IN THE AREA PRECLUDED
ANY VISITS TO OR GROUND INSPECTIONS OF THE SITES INVOLVED IN THIS CASE. WO
RAMOS AND NAME AND SP4 NEWTON ARE CURRENTLY CARRIED IN THE
PRESUMPTIVE STATUS OF DEAD, BODY NOT RECOVERED.

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TWO REFUGEES REPORTED THEY SAW THE WRECKAGE OF AN AIRCRAFT AND TWO
GRAVE SITES IN QUANG TIN IN 1975. THIS REPORT POSSIBLY CORRELATES TO REFNO
0979. (REF 4)

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SOURCE REPORTS THAT HE WAS SHOWN TWO GRAVES SAID TO CONTAIN REMAINS OF
U.S. PERSONNEL IN THE VICINITY OF AT 8025. THIS POTENTIALLY CORRELATES TO
REFNO 0979. (REF 4)

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=== SUBSEQUENT INFORMATION ===

1 September 1982

SOURCE STATED THAT HE SAW THE WRECKAGE OF A HELICOPTER AND SKELETAL REMAINS NEAR HIEP DUC, SOUTHWEST OF DA NANG. THIS POTENTIALLY CORRELATES TO REFNO 0979. (REF 5)

12 March 1984

SOURCE REPORTS DISCOVERY OF A CRASHED HELICOPTER AND POSSIBLE GRAVESITES IN THE VICINITY OF AT 850 300. THIS POTENTIALLY CORRELATES WO1 RAINER S. RAMOS, ~~NAME~~ AND SP4 WARREN E. NEWTON. (REF 6)

14 April 1989

SOURCE PROVIDED IDENTIFICATION MEDIA DATA WHICH CORRELATES TO WARRANT OFFICER PHIPPS. (REF 8)

14 September 1984

SOURCE OBSERVED HELICOPTER WRECKAGE IN THE VICINITY OF AT 996 276. DESCRIPTION OF AIRCRAFT INDICATED IT IS A UH-1 SERIES GUNSHIP. THIS HAS POTENTIAL CORRELATION TO WO1 RAINER S. RAMOS. (REF 7)

3 July 1989

THIS CORRELATION IS BASED ON IDENTIFICATION MEDIA DATA ONLY. SOURCE CORRECTLY REPORTED MR. PHIPPS' INCIDENT LOCATION, NAME, AND A SERVICE NUMBER THAT IS SIMILAR TO MR. PHIPPS. (W31954894 VICE 3154894) (REF 9)

20 November 1990

SOURCE PROVIDED HEARSAY CONCERNING THE DISCOVERY OF REMAINS AND DOG TAGS. THE NAME, SERVICE NUMBER AND BLOOD TYPE PROVIDED CORRELATE TO WARRANT OFFICER JAMES L. PHIPPS. (REF 10)

=== REFERENCES ===

14 September 1984

REFERENCES USED: <1> RPT , HQ USARV (AVHAG), W/STATEMENTS, 17 MAR 68.
<2> MSG , CO USA MORTUARY DNG, 161140Z SEP 68. <3> RPT , MISSING,
SEA, PAGE 6, UNDATED. <4> REFCON , 80-016, 81-009. <5> REFCON
82-030. <6> REFCON , 83-059. <7> REFCON , 84-084, 25 JUNE 1984.
<8> 88-539 DTG 190734Z OCT 88. <9> 89-142 300905Z MAR 89. <10>

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CJTFFA DET ONE BANGKOK TH.

=== NEGOTIATION ACTIONS ===

18 December 1992

A CASE NARRATIVE ON CASE 0979 WAS PASSED TO THE VIETNAMESE DURING THE 10-11 DECEMBER 1992 TECHNICAL MEETING IN HANOI.

20 August 1993

CASE NARRATIVE WAS PASSED TO REPRESENTATIVES OF THE VIETNAMESE GOVERNMENT DURING THE 28 JUL 1993 POW/MIA TECHNICAL MEETING IN HANOI.

=== ASSOCIATED INDIVIDUALS ===

10 February 1975

ASSOCIATED INDIVIDUALS: RAINER S. RAMOS 0979-0-01, ~~NAME~~
~~NAME~~ , AND WARREN E. NEWTON 0979-0-03.

=== JOINT INVESTIGATION, SURVEY OR EXCAVATION ===

8 October 1993

ON 25 AUG 93, IE3 TRAVELLED TO QUE PHONG VILLAGE, QUE SON DISTRICT, QUANG NAM-DA NANG PROVINCE TO INVESTIGATE CASE 0979. DURING THE 25TH JFA, THE WITNESS PROVIDED FIRST HAND INFORMATION CONCERNING THE CRASH OF A HELICOPTER DURING LATE 1967 OR EARLY 1968. THE WITNESS STATED THAT WHEN HE WENT TO THE CRASH SITE, HE OBSERVED THE DEAD BODY OF ONE INDIVIDUAL OUTSIDE THE AIRCRAFT AND BELIEVES THAT THE OTHER CREW MEMBERS BURNED IN THE WRECKAGE. THE WITNESS SAID HE RETURNED TO THE CRASH SITE SEVERAL DAYS LATER, AFTER U.S. GROUND FORCES HAD LEFT THE AREA, AND THE BODY HE HAD SEEN ON HIS PREVIOUS TRIP TO THE SITE WAS GONE. IE3 SURVEYED THE ALLEGED CRASH SITE AND CONDUCTED A SURFACE SEARCH. THE CRASH SITE WAS FOUND TO BE THOROUGHLY SCAVENGED BY LOCAL VILLAGERS. THE SITE IS LOCATED IN A CULTIVATED AREA. THE COORDINATES OF THE ALLEGED SITE CORRELATE WITH THE COORDINATES OF THE INCIDENT LOCATION MAINTAINED IN U.S. RECORDS. THE TEAM SAW SEVERAL SMALL PIECES OF DEBRIS CONSISTENT WITH A CRASH SITE, BUT NO PERSONAL EFFECTS OR REMAINS WERE FOUND. (REF 4)



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CASE 0979 DATA

NARRATIVE

ON 9 JANUARY 1968,

NAME.

WARRANT OFFICER ONE RAINER S. RAMOS, SPECIALIST FOUR WARREN E. NEWTON, AND PRIVATE FIRST CLASS FRED J. SECRIST WERE THE CREW ABOARD A UH-1C HELICOPTER. THEIR HELICOPTER (SERIAL NUMBER 66-0745) WAS HIT BY GROUND FIRE AND CRASHED IN THE VICINITY OF GRID COORDINATES AT955308, APPROXIMATELY 45 KILOMETERS SOUTH OF DA NANG, 10 KILOMETERS SOUTHWEST OF QUE SON, AND 700 METERS WEST OF AN LONG (1), QUANG NAM-DA NANG PROVINCE. THE PILOT OF ANOTHER HELICOPTER FLEW OVER THE BURNING WRECKAGE AND SAW NO SIGNS OF LIFE. ON 19 JANUARY 1968, A GROUND TEAM SEARCHED THE WRECKAGE WHICH WAS AT THE BOTTOM OF A LARGE TRENCH. THE TEAM RECOVERED THREE SETS OF REMAINS. ONE SET OF REMAINS WAS IDENTIFIED AS PRIVATE SECRIST, ANOTHER SET WAS DETERMINED TO BE VIETNAMESE AND THE THIRD SET WAS UNIDENTIFIABLE. ON 27 JANUARY 1969, A GROUND TEAM SEARCHED THE CRASH SITE AGAIN BUT FAILED TO LOCATE ANY REMAINS OR IDENTIFICATION MEDIA DATA WHICH MIGHT HAVE BEEN OVERLOOKED BY THE PREVIOUS TEAM.

PERTINENT DATA ARE AS FOLLOWS:

NAME: RAMOS, RAINER SILVESTER
RANK: WARRANT OFFICER ONE, U.S. ARMY
DATE OF BIRTH: 29 MAY 1947
RACE: CAUCASIAN

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DATA

HEIGHT: 1.80 METERS

WEIGHT: 72.5 KILOGRAMS

HAIR: BROWN

EYES: BROWN

NAME:

NAME.

RANK: WARRANT OFFICER ONE, U.S. ARMY

DATE OF BIRTH:

DATA

RACE: CAUCASIAN

HEIGHT: 1.73 METERS

WEIGHT: 74.3 KILOGRAMS

HAIR: BROWN

EYES: GREY

NAME: NEWTON, WARREN EMERY

RANK: SPECIALIST FOUR, U.S. ARMY

DATE OF BIRTH: 26 MARCH 1949

RACE: CAUCASIAN

HEIGHT: 1.73 METERS

WEIGHT: 70.2 KILOGRAMS

HAIR: BROWN

EYES: BLUE

Passed to officials of the
Vietnamese government during a
28 Jul 93 technical meeting

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